

REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated October 14, 2005, has been received and reviewed.

Claims 1-6, 8-30, 42-49, 75-88, and 98-103 were previously pending and under consideration in the above-referenced application.

Claims 1-6, 8, 10-19, 21-30, 42-49, 75-77, 79, 81-86, 88, and 102 stand rejected.

Claims 98-103 have been objected to for being duplicates of claims 9, 20, 78, 80, 85, and 87.

Claims 9, 20, 78, 80, and 87 have been objected to for depending from rejected base claims.

Proposed Amendments

It is proposed that new claims 104-125 be added and that claims 3, 9, 22-30, 42-49, 77, 78, 86, 87, 98-100, and 103 be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In particular, it is proposed that claim 1 be amended to include the limitations of allowed claim 9 and claim 3, from which claim 9 depended. It is also proposed that claims 3 and 9 be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

With respect to the subject matter recited in allowed claim 20, it is proposed that new claims 104-121 be added. New claim 104 is an independent claim that includes the limitations of claims 1, 3, and 20. New claims 105-121 recite the same additional subject matter as that recited in claims 2, 4-6, 8, 10-19, and 21, respectively, and depend, either directly or indirectly, from new independent claim 104.

It is also proposed that independent claim 75 be amended to include the limitations of claim 77 and allowed claim 78, and that claims 77 and 78 be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The limitations of allowed claim 80 already appear in independent claim 101. It is proposed that new claims 122 and 123, which depend from independent claim 101, be added. Proposed new claims 122 and 123 recite the same additional subject matter as that to which claims 76 and 81 are directed.

In addition, it is proposed that the limitations of allowed claim 87 be incorporated into independent claim 82, and that claims 87 and 86, from which claim 87 depends, be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

It is further proposed that claim 102, which includes substantially the same limitations as claim 85, prior to the proposed amendment of independent claim 82, be amended to additionally include the additional limitation of claim 84, and that new claims 124 and 125, which recite the same additional subject matter as claims 83 and 88, respectively, be added.

The proposed amendments to the claims address all of the issues that remain for purposes of appeal. Furthermore, their entry would not introduce new matter into the above-referenced application or necessitate an additional search. Accordingly, entry of the proposed amendments is respectfully solicited.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the claims recites subject matter which is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the subject matter described in Anderson, Kofoed, or Orr.

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Please note that a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed in the above-referenced application on August 2, 2004, but that the undersigned attorney has not yet received any indication that the references cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement have been considered in the above-referenced application. It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement of August 2, 2004, be considered and made of record in the above-referenced application and that an initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A that accompanied that Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be returned to the undersigned attorney as evidence of such consideration.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 10-21, 75, 76, 79-85, 88, 101, 102, and 104-125 is allowable. An early notice of the allowability of each of these claims is respectfully solicited, as is an indication that the above-referenced application has been passed

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for issuance. If any issues preventing allowance of the above-referenced application remain which might be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Office is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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